

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) In a vehicle having a passenger compartment, an instrument panel system comprising:

an instrument panel having an opening configured to receive one of a plurality of devices, the device received to be accessible by an occupant in the passenger compartment through the opening, wherein the opening has an area and each of the plurality of devices has an area substantially equal to or less than the area of the opening; and

a removably attachable secondary panel for covering a portion of the opening when the device received has an area less than the area of the opening, the secondary panel forming an intermediate surface visible to the occupant between the instrument panel and at least a portion of the device, wherein the intermediate surface substantially surrounds the device.

2. (Cancel)

3. (Previously Presented) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the secondary panel includes an aperture through which the received device is accessible to the occupant.

4. (Previously Presented) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the received device is a display for use in conveying information to the occupant.

5. (Previously Presented) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the received device is a control panel for use by the occupant to control at least one vehicle system.

6. (Original) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the surface of the secondary panel visible to the occupant substantially matches the surface of the instrument panel visible to the occupant.

7. (Original) The instrument panel system of claim 6 wherein the instrument panel and secondary panel are configured to meet so that the instrument panel and secondary panels appear substantially integral to the occupant.

8. (Previously Presented) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the instrument panel comprises a plurality of openings, each opening configured to receive one of a plurality of devices, and wherein the secondary panel includes a plurality of apertures through which the received devices are accessible to the occupant.

9. (Original) The instrument panel system of claim 1 wherein the secondary panel is removably attachable by the occupant, and the system further comprises at least one additional secondary panel having a different appearance than the secondary panel, such that the occupant can change the appearance of the instrument panel system by replacing the secondary panel with the at least one additional secondary panel.

10-21. (Canceled)